

House Study Bill 166 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BACON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the department of natural resources to
2 establish certain fees at state parks and recreation areas.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455A.12, Code 2017, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **455A.12 Gift certificates for special privilege fees at state**
4 **parks and recreation areas.**

5 The department of natural resources shall publish and make
6 available for purchase by the general public, gift certificates
7 entitling the bearer of the certificate to free camping and
8 other special privileges at state parks and recreation areas.
9 The department shall establish prices for the certificates
10 based on amounts required to be paid in fees for camping and
11 special privileges pursuant to [section 461A.47](#) [455A.14](#).

12 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 455A.14 Camping and rental facilities**
13 **and other privileges — fees.**

14 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
15 the department of natural resources is authorized to establish
16 fees for camping and use of rental facilities and other special
17 privileges at state parks and recreation areas under the
18 jurisdiction of the department.

19 2. The fees established by the department pursuant to this
20 section shall be in such amounts as may be determined by the
21 department based on the cost of providing the privileges and
22 the reasonable value of such privileges. Such fees may be
23 increased, reduced, or waived by the department for special
24 promotional events or efforts or on the basis of special
25 seasonal or holiday rates, on a statewide basis or on the basis
26 of an individual state park or recreation area.

27 3. Fees established pursuant to this section shall be
28 considered a specification of prices to be charged for goods or
29 services as provided in section 17A.2, subsection 11, paragraph
30 "g".

31 **Sec. 3. REPEAL.** Section 461A.47, Code 2017, is repealed.

32 **EXPLANATION**

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill provides that, notwithstanding any provision of

1 law to the contrary, the department of natural resources is
2 authorized to establish fees for camping and use of rental
3 facilities and other special privileges at state parks and
4 recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the department.
5 Currently, the natural resource commission is authorized to
6 establish such fees under Code section 461A.47, which is
7 repealed by the bill.

8 The bill also provides that fees established by the
9 department pursuant to the bill's provisions shall be in such
10 amounts as may be determined by the department based on the
11 cost of providing the privileges and the reasonable value
12 of such privileges. Such fees may be increased, reduced,
13 or waived by the department for special promotional events
14 or efforts or on the basis of special seasonal or holiday
15 rates, on a statewide basis or on the basis of an individual
16 state park or recreation area. The bill provides that fees
17 established pursuant to the bill are considered a specification
18 of the prices to be charged for goods or services sold by
19 an agency and are not considered rules for purposes of Code
20 chapter 17A.

21 A coordinating change is made to Code section 455A.12.